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Sir:

The following utility patent application is enclosed for filing:

Applicant(s): Eric NEYRET et al.

Title of the Invention: **METHOD FOR MINIMIZING SLIP LINE FAULTS ON A SEMICONDUCTOR
WAFER SURFACE**

PATENT APPLICATION FEE VALUE					
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- ☒ Priority of application no. FR02/12120 filed October 1, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification Total Pages **12**
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed Sponsored R&D
- Reference to Sequence Listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113)(Figs. 1-8b) Total Sheets **2**

5. Oath or Declaration (unexecuted) Total Pages _____

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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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 - i. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ Paper (4 pages)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- 10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
- 11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
- 12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- 13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- 14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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- 15. ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
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- 16. ☐ Non-publication Request Under 35 U.S.C.
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- 17. ☐ Other

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Express Mail No. EV 346 809 804 US		
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4717.7800	to be assigned	Application Transmittal Cover Sheet (1 page); Application Fee Transmittal Form (1 page); Specification (12 pages); Formal Drawings Figs. 1-3 (2 pages); Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO 1449; 5 refs.

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